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May 20, 1974

Mr. Harry H. Hughes  
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Dear Mr. Hughes:

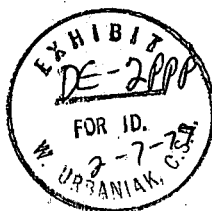
Ventron Corporation closed operations at its WoodRidge, New Jersey facility in April of 1974. As of this date, no production activities of any sort are taking place at the plant.

Prior to shutdown, all Mercury chemicals and mercury-bearing residues were removed from the plant. Our collecting pits formerly part of an effluent control system were de-sludged and all Hg-bearing waste removed. Naturally, there remains some residual Hg in the ground and caked against the walls and structural members of the building. The buildings are to be completely demolished by the soon-to-be new owner.

Evidently an inspector from your department observed what was thought to be a pit full of waste and a waste water flow into an adjoining brook. This was not process waste and can only have consisted of ground and/or rain water.

The property changes hands on May 20th. Either prior or subsequent to that, I will be glad to answer any questions you may have. Perhaps direct communication with your inspector would be most helpful.

Very truly yours,



*R.C. Petersen*  
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Process Engineering Manager